

PART II -- ECONOMIC DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

ACTIVITIES, JUNE 1955

A. Meetings Held: 2 June 1955

B. Review or Coordination of Intelligence Projects

1. Requests Received

a) Intelligence Request 12 from BFC/Commerce - "Diversion of Strategic Material from South to North Korea"

2. Initiation of Cases or Projects

b) EDIC Case 7 - "Export of Ortho-Toluidine to Communist China (accepted for CIA/AFCIN/ONI action)"

b) EDIC Case 8 - "Soviet Bloc Use of Borax Products (Boric Acid and Borates - I/L 3x715) for Rocket Fuel and Other Jet Plane Application (accepted for action by CIA)"

3. Consideration of Projects in Process

a) EDIC Case 10 - "Pattern of Soviet Bloc Strategic Exports to the West" (FOA and Commerce to furnish comments on EDIC/ID-13)

b) EDIC Case 9 - "Intelligence on Trade in Decontrolled Commodities" (OSD report on preliminary survey) *2/2 has completed draft of paper.*

c) EDIC Case 6 - "Information on Firms Reportedly Purchasing and Operating Ships for Communist China" (*work in progress in CIA*)

d) EDIC Case 5 - "Pending Bloc Shipbuilding Orders" (CIA reports shortage of personnel has delayed production of paper)

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f) ECIC Case 3 - "Soviet Trade Trends and Tactics: Soviet Bloc Importation of Petroleum" (MDAC and OIR to arrange final disposition of paper requested by MDAC; reference OIR IR 6714)

G. Reports to EDIC on Actions of EDAC, Executive Committee and JOG

1. Executive Secretary report on transmission to Executive Committee of CIA memorandum of 27 May - "CIA Position on Downgrading of CG/COCOM/CHINCOM Documents"

D. Measures to Improve Intelligence Collection and Utilization

1. Meeting of EDIC Subgroup on Functions and Operations (MDAC to furnish substantive suggestions to streamline and improve operations)

E. Distribution of Spot Intelligence Contributions, Etc.

1. Distribution of Contributions - None
2. Decision to discontinue routine EDIC distribution of OIR reports
3. Decision not to undertake OSD Intelligence Request 11 - "Impact of Free-World Trade Controls on the Sino-Soviet Bloc"

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